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McManus' First Wild Turkey Hunt Successful

(LANSING) – It is rare that sportsmen claim victory their first time on a hunt, but state Senator Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, took in a rather large prize on her first ever turkey hunt this week.

“As soon as I was in the woods the bird started gobbling and within an hour my guides had called in a beautiful twenty pound tom with a ten inch beard,” McManus said.

Senator McManus, a lifetime National Rifle Association member and an avid whitetail deer hunter, was accompanied by Al Stewart, Upland Game Bird Specialist with the Department of Natural Resources, and Steve Sharpe, Michigan Senior Regional Director for the National Wild Turkey Federation.

“I’m hooked on wild turkey hunting and I’m looking forward to becoming an active member of the National Wild Turkey Federation,” McManus said.

Senator McManus made an official announcement of her successful hunt to her Senate colleagues during the morning session. She shot the bird from 17 yards using a Remington 12-gauge semi automatic.

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**Editor’s Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator McManus and her turkey is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:
<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Index.htm>**